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CONSERVATIVE AFTERNOON PAPER DIARIO LATINO, IN EDITORIAL URGING CREATION OF A SUPERHIGHWAY TO SERVE AS "DRY ISTHMIAN CANAL", EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT HOW LONG PANAMA CANAL WILL LAST UNDER CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES. SAID EDITORIAL:

"...PRESIDENT FORD OUTLINES THE DANGER INVOLVED IN AN UNREASONABLE, CLOSED-MINDED, RIGID STANCE CONTRARY TO PANAMANIAN ASPIRATIONS, (A POSITON WHICH) WOULD PROVOKE BAD FEELINGS THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA.

"IF BY SOME LUCKY STROKE REAGAN SHOULD WIN THE PRESIDENCY, THE PANAMA CANAL WOULD IMMEDIATELY TURN INTO A TIME BOMB. "IT IS IN ANTICIPATION OF THAT TIME BOMB THAT WE MUST BEGIN TO CONSIDER EARESTLY A "CENTRAL AMERICAN DRY CHANAL." GRIFFITHS

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